

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA  
HAMMOND DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
Plaintiff, )  
 )  
v. ) CAUSE NO.: 2:14-cr-15-JTM-JEM  
 )  
SHANNON MEEGAN, )  
Defendant. )

**FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
UPON A PLEA OF GUILTY BY DEFENDANT SHANNON MEEGAN**

TO: THE HONORABLE JAMES T. MOODY,  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Upon Defendant Shannon Meegan's request to enter a plea of guilty pursuant to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, this matter came for hearing before Magistrate Judge John E. Martin, on November 21, 2014, with the consent of Defendant Shannon Meegan, counsel for Defendant Shannon Meegan, and counsel for the United States of America.

The hearing on Defendant Shannon Meegan's plea of guilty was in full compliance with Rule 11, Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, before the Magistrate Judge in open court and on the record.

In consideration of that hearing and the statements made by Defendant Shannon Meegan under oath on the record and in the presence of counsel, the remarks of the Assistant United States Attorney and of counsel for Defendant Shannon Meegan,

**I FIND** as follows:

- (1) that Defendant Shannon Meegan understands the nature of the charge against her to which the plea is offered;
- (2) that Defendant Shannon Meegan understands her right to trial by jury, to persist in her

plea of not guilty, to the assistance of counsel at trial, to confront and cross-examine adverse witnesses, and her right against compelled self-incrimination;

(3) that Defendant Shannon Meegan understands what the maximum possible sentence is, including the effect of the supervised release term, and Defendant Shannon Meegan understands that the sentencing guidelines apply and that the Court may depart from those guidelines under some circumstances;

(4) that the plea of guilty by Defendant Shannon Meegan has been knowingly and voluntarily made and is not the result of force or threats or of promises;

(5) that Defendant Shannon Meegan is competent to plead guilty;

(6) that Defendant Shannon Meegan understands that her answers may later be used against her in a prosecution for perjury or false statement;

(7) that there is a factual basis for Defendant Shannon Meegan's plea; and further,

**I RECOMMEND** that the Court accept Shannon Meegan's plea of guilty to the offense charged in Count 1 of the Indictment and that Defendant Shannon Meegan be adjudged guilty of the offense charged in Count 1 of the Indictment and have sentence imposed. A Presentence Report has been ordered. Should this Report and Recommendation be accepted and Shannon Meegan be adjudged guilty, sentencing before Senior Judge James T. Moody will be set at a later date by separate order. Objections to the Findings and Recommendation are waived unless filed and served within fourteen (14) days. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1).

So ORDERED this 21st day of November, 2014.

/s/ John E. Martin

MAGISTRATE JUDGE JOHN E. MARTIN  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

cc: All counsel of record  
Honorable James T. Moody